



# Bulmer Parish Council



All members of Bulmer Parish are hereby invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Parish being held at Bulmer Village Hall on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>. May 2025 at 7.15pm.

Members of the press are welcome to attend.

## **AGENDA**

**1. Apologies for absence:**

Council members are required to forward their apologies to the Clerk ahead of the meeting.

**2. Minutes of 2024 Annual Parish Meeting** to be approved:

To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup>. May 2024.

**3. Chairman's Address:**

The Chairman of the Parish Council will give an address detailing the work of the Council over the last year.

**4. Guest Speakers:**

Mike Crome: Allotments – updates and future plans.

Maggie Skipper: Village Hall & Skylarks updates and future plans.

The Federation of St Giles' and St Andrew's Primary Schools - Helen Padgett  
School Governor

**5. Open Public Forum:**

Members of the public will be invited to raise any concerns, issues or ideas for the village that they would like to see put into place.

**6. Closure of the meeting**

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Cllr Rosemary Raymond: Chairman of Bulmer Parish Council

23<sup>rd</sup>. May 2025

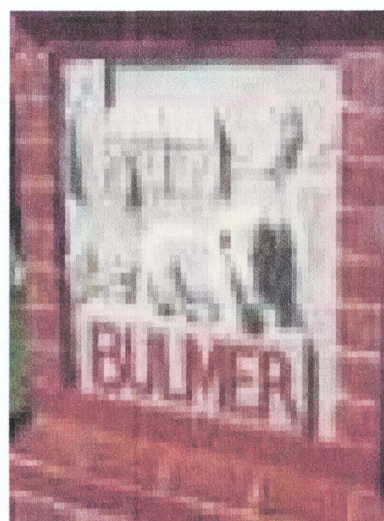


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Minutes for the  
Annual Meeting of the Parish held at  
Bulmer Village Hall dated  
20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.15pm







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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held at Bulmer Village Hall on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.15pm.

Members of the press and public are welcome to attend.

## Minutes

Present: Cllrs R Raymond, L Nichols, C Harvey, A Crawshay, R Morris

In the Chair: Cllr R Raymond

Also in attendance: Lynsey Ritchie-Fagg (Parish Clerk & RFO)

1. Apologies for absence: There were none highlighted.
2. Minutes of 2023 Annual Parish Meeting:  
The minutes of the meeting dated 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023, having been previously circulated, were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record and unanimously agreed by all.
3. Chairman's Address:  
The Chairman of the Parish Council has advised:
  - there has been general maintenance undertaken across the Village.
  - The Standpipe at the Allotment still remains incomplete and will be chased again on 21/05/2024.
  - Cllrs C Harvey & L Nichols have been getting Coe's Meadow back up and running.
  - The sign at the entrance to Bulmer Tye is covered with foliage and is to be cut by Essex Highways.
  - Coe's Meadow sign has been pulled out of the ground and is currently in the bushes, Cllr C Harvey does not know if this can be repaired.
  - Grass to Upper Houses is long and awaiting to be cut.
4. Guest Speakers:  
Mike Crome: Allotment Officer:
  - Allotment rent provides the Parish Council £500 per annum.
  - Plots are currently all allocated. Not all are cultivated and letters are to be issued to tenants that are not following tenancy agreement. Mike Crome to liaise with Parish Clerk to issue letters.
  - Paths at the Allotment are not being maintained – reminder of tenancy agreement to be issued.
  - Parish Council undertake the maintenance of the perimeter grass located around the allotments.
  - More cuts are required for maintenance by the Parish Council.
  - Key was provided for access to the Allotments by UK Power Network and the key has never been returned, the access was given to lay cables in various locations, work due to be recommenced in June 2024. Parish Council to consider actions and response.  
Ashley Cooper: Bulmer History Group:
  - Bulmer Parish Council had one of the first female Parish Councillors and the Parish Council will be 130 years old in December 2024.
  - Bulmer Then & Now a Histort Group can be read online.
  - A wreath is placed annually on the war memorial and names are read out every year.
  - 3-4 Meetings happen every year for the History Group.
  - Ashley Cooper has worked on the group for 32 years and the history includes: Weaving Silks, Bulmer during 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, Embracing the local community.
  - One member of the History Group – Grandfather went to Bulmer School in 1880 and wrote about Bulmer Wildflowers and talks about Thomas Hardy scriptures in 1892.
  - Thanks given to Maggie Skipper for the Coronation and QE2 Platinum Jubilee celebrations.
  - Thanks given to Dawn Allen who has run the Post Office for over 40 years and kept it open during Covid.
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Maggie Skipper: Village Hall:

- Village Hall is a Charity and the trustees belong to the Charity Commission.
- Hall is kept in the best state it can and everybody tries their best, there have been two break in's in the last year – meters were broken and no idea how people got in.
- New Cups and Saucers purchased.
- Lottery is run and keeps finances incoming with 84 current members.
- Clubs including Tai Chi, Stitch & Sew, Folk Dancing, Skylarks and Carpet Bowls use the hall regularly.
- Community support is low – people don't want to get involved. The committee need to retire due to age and need new people to come forwards to volunteer.
- Committee wants to build community links.
- Folk Dancing: meet during the afternoon and have met for 44 years. Member numbers have picked up.

Helen Padgett: St Andrew's Cof E Primary School Governor:

- The school forms part of the Chorus Schools Federation and whilst budgets are tight and costs increasing, the federation has helped considerably with savings resulting in the quality of education being enriched at St Andrew's.
- The School continues to have 4 classes and has 487 children on roll at the time of the school census. Over the past year the school has gained 41 new children with 26 coming from other schools and the reception class is over subscribed. The school has 10 children attending from Bulmer.
- The federation provide opportunities to the children to attend school trips including visiting PGL centres, Shakespeare workshops, Boydells Farm, Pantomime Trip and have sports coaches and music lessons – the emphasis as always, is on delivering a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Pebbles pre school continues to work with St Andrew's and have school lunches provided to them. Their Ofsted inspection resulted in an Outstanding Grade.
- The Forest School teacher takes all classes over to Baker's Wood.

Maggie Skipper: Skylarks:

- Skylarks has run for 15 years and is thriving – the group is open to anybody.
- Meetings take place in the afternoon and includes a lively bunch ready for a laugh and a dance.
- Speakers are invited to provide a variety of activities including a Ukelele club, a Rocker from 1960's and a bomb disposal expert plus a magistrate.
- Funds raised at Christmas or Easter pay for the Speakers to attend.
- Object of Skylarks is to get people together and to not feel alone. It is amazing what tea and cake can do.
- Thanks given to Ashley Cooper, Mike Crome and Peter.

5. Open Public Forum: There were none highlighted.

Closure

Cllr Rosemary Raymond: Chairman of Bulmer Parish Council

14<sup>th</sup> July 2024